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**Reply Brief Noted**

The Appellant filed two (2) reply briefs on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005. On page 1 of the first reply brief, the paper indicated that 9 pages were included, but only the first page to the reply brief was scanned. The second reply brief listed in IFW contains the complete reply brief (pages 1 through 9). The second reply brief filed March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew S. Gart whose telephone number is 571-273-3955. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-6.

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